



*WHEREAS, the State of Illinois recognizes that it plays a vital role in identifying, protecting its citizens from, and responding to cyber threats that may have a significant impact on our individual and collective security and privacy; and,*

*WHEREAS, critical infrastructure sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems and technology to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems; and,*

*WHEREAS, the National Cybersecurity Awareness campaign focuses on raising awareness of the importance of cybersecurity and ensuring that all Americans have the resources they need to be safer and more secure online; and,*

*WHEREAS, the emphasis for this year is encouraging individuals and organizations to own their role in protecting their part of cyberspace, stressing personal accountability and the importance of proactive steps to enhance cybersecurity; and,*

*WHEREAS, the line between our online and offline lives is indistinguishable in these tech-fueled times, our homes, societal well-being, economic prosperity and nation's security are impacted by the internet; and,*

*WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Innovation & Technology, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, The National Cyber Security Alliance, and the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center all recognize October as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month;*

*WHEREAS, all citizens are encouraged to visit the [staysafeonline.org](http://staysafeonline.org) and the [stop.think.connect.org](http://stop.think.connect.org) websites to learn about cybersecurity and put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses;*

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 2020 as **Cybersecurity Awareness Month** in Illinois.*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.*



*Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,*  
*this* THIRTIETH *day of* SEPTEMBER *, in*  
*the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and*  
TWENTY *, and of the State of Illinois,*  
*two hundred and* SECOND *.*

*Deese White*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*JB Pritzker*  
GOVERNOR